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Dear Ms. Lorraine:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Alamogordo Regional Water Supply Project in Otero County, New Mexico.

EPA classified your DEIS and proposed action as "LO," i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections". The City of Alamogordo, New Mexico has submitted to Bureau of Land Management an application for a right-of-way for the construction and operation of up to 10 groundwater wells to produce approximately 4,000 acre-feet per year of water with supporting infrastructure on BLM-managed public land in Otero County.

Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky of my staff at 214-665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov for assistance.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office one (1) copy of the FEIS at the same time that it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities (2251A), EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044.

Sincerely yours,

for Craig Weeks, Acting Chief
Office of Planning and
Coordination (6EN-XP)